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MARYLAND ENERGY ADMINISTRATION ANNOUNCES NEW ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE "FUEL UP MARYLAND" SERVICE STATION ENERGY RESILIENCY GRANT PROGRAM

\$1.7 million grant program now includes all service stations in Maryland.

Annapolis, Maryland (January 24, 2014) — Today, the Maryland Energy Administration (MEA) announced the expansion of the 'Fuel Up Maryland' program to all 1,800 service stations across Maryland. The program began in August 2013 to provide back-up power to service stations in the event of major power outages due to weather or other emergencies. The change to the program allows every service station in the state to apply for a grant up to \$25,000 or 60% of the cost of pre-wiring and installing back-up power generation.

"The importance of energy resiliency to the State and the role that retail service stations will play in the event of a major power outage are integrally linked," said Abigail Ross Hopper, Director of MEA. "The expansion of the grant program to all service stations should serve to expedite the process of making Maryland service stations resilient for the benefit of all citizens."

The opening of the grant program to all service stations will take effect today, January 24, 2014 and continue through June 2014. Applications will be accepted until all grant funds have been awarded. For more information and how to apply, please visit:
<http://energy.maryland.gov/Business/fuelupmd/index.html>.

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The Maryland Energy Administration's (MEA) mission is to assist Maryland citizens and businesses to save money through smart investments in energy efficiency, renewable energy and conservation. A Maryland state agency, MEA fuels the creation of green jobs by providing funds and resources to expand the use and availability of clean, safe energy in Maryland